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A concise explanation of the relevance of the following listed non-English language information is included as presently understood by the individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information as set forth below:

FR 2166112 The Derwent abstract for FR 2166112 provides "Detergent s contain >= 1 surfactant and active additive chosen from polyphosphates, complexants and detergents alkalis with 0.1-10% of a water soluble copolymer of vinyl pyrrolidone and vinyl acetate in molar ratio 4:1-1:4 (pref. 1:1-3.7) of mol. wt. 30,000-100,000. The copolymer prevents staining of synthetic and cellulosic textiles by reabsorption during washing."

EP 372291 The Derwent abstract for EP 372291 provides "A process is claimed for washing discolouration-sensitive textiles in aq. wash liquors contg. anionic surfactants (I), nonionic surfactants (II) and water-soluble polymers (III) as discolouration inhibitor, in which the wt. ratio (II):(I) in the liquor is 1:0.3 to 1:3, esp. 1:05 to 1:2 and the HLB value of the (II) is greater than 11. Also claimed is a washing additive comprising (II) and opt. (III). USE/ADVANTAGE Use of the claimed wash liquors inhibits transfer of dyes and brighteners from dyed or brightened fabrics to white, light-coloured and non-brightened fabrics when these are washed together, and thus combats discolouration and colour change of the sensitive fabrics. EMBODIMENT The wash liquor contains 0.1-3 g/l, esp. 0.5 - 1.5 g/l (I), 0.1-3 g/l, esp. 0.5-1.5 g/l (II) and 0.01-0.5 g/l, esp. 0.02-0.3 g/l (III). (III) comprises (co)polymers of N-vinylimidazole, N-vinyloxazolidone and/or (esp.), N-vinylpyrrolidone. (II) has an HLB value of 11.5-15 and is an adduct of thylene oxide to

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linear or branched, satd. or unsatd. alcohols with at least 10C or mixts. of these. The wash liquor may also contain additional washing agent components. EXAMPLE A commercial washing agent with a ratio (II):(I) of 1:6.5 (HLB greater than 11) and contg. no discolouration inhibitor was used for washing a white cotton textile and a red dyed test fabric together at 60°C. The degree of discolouration judged by the colour difference determined as described in the journal Defazet, Vol. 31 (1977) No. 8, pages 318-324 was 26.9%. (No discolouration = 100%). Addn. of 0.05 g/l polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP) to the wash liquor improved the degree of discolouration to 52.5%. Addn. of PVP and 0.5 g/l of an oxo alcohol ethoxylate with an HLB value of 12, to shift the ratio (II):(I) to 1:1.5 improved the discolouration to 80.9%."

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The Information Disclosure Statement transmitted herewith is being filed **within** three (3) months of the filing date of the application or date of entry into the national stage of an international application or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever event occurs last. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b). Accordingly, it is believed that no certification or fee is due.

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Applicant elects the option to pay the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) for submission of an information disclosure statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c). Please charge the **\$240.00** IDS submission fee to BASF Corporation **Deposit Account No. 09-0425**. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for accounting purposes.

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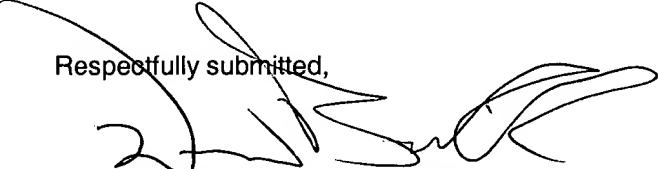
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